TO THE MUSICIONERS,

THE

Harpers, the *Minſtrels*, the *Singers*, the *Dancers*, the *Perſecutors*;

From one who loved Dancing and Muſick as his life, which being parted with, and the LIGHT being come, which was before theſe things, in which they are all ſeen, and from it is declared,

The Ground, Foundation, Beginning, and Father, and Children, and Compaſs, and End, and the Effects of all the Harpers, Muciſioners, Singers and Dancers:

Who may reade what I have learned, who have tryed their wayes, and alſo ſcarched into the things of God, and declare this according to Scripture, and have found the joy which man cannot take away, in which I rejoyce for ever, becauſe the Marriage of the Lamb is come.

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IUBAL was the father of all such as handle the Harp and Organ, and so the father of all such Musicioners, being himself of the seed of *Lamech*, who slew a man, and so the son of a man-slayer was the father of all such as handle the Harp and Organ; and the man Christ, the Light, is the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world: and *Jubal* was of the generation of *Cain*, who first slew a man, and then built a City; he slew his brother, one that was near unto him: and the light of the Lamb slain is near unto every one, even that which comes from the man of sorrows is in the heart, *Cains* seed slays the man of sorrows, the Musicioners were of *Cains* seed, and that which slays the man of sorrows, invents, set up and delights in the instruments of musick; and the father of all such was *Jubal*, the seed of *Cain*, who built a City, and so was a rich man, and his seed delighted in musick, and so his seed, who are begotten from the Lord, are building Cities, strong holds, high and large houses, with painted Parlours, and then set up the instruments of Musick, in the cieled houses without, and within themselves full of rottenness, or as a Cage of unclean spirits, whereby the just is murthered, and the house lie waste and desolate, as to the life of God, which should be the Temple of the holy Ghost; and the father of all these was *Jubal*, the seed of *Lamech* a man-slayer, who also had another son *Tubal-Cain* (the seed of *Cain*) an instructer of every artificer in brass and iron; and he that hath attained to never so much, if not come to that which fulfils the perfect Law, is as a sounding brass, 1 Cor. 13. and there is many also of the seed of this instructer, whose instructions brings people to be but as sounding brass: and this first instructer, and *Jubal*, were the offspring of *Cain*, the vagabond driven from God, against whom the blood of the righteous doth cry, yet so rich in the earth, that he built a City, being separated from God, (who confounds mans wisdome) then comes that which makes merry over the Witness, *Gen.* 4.

And they who danced in the wilderness, and sung and made a great noise, and were in the mirth and vain delights, were a stiff-necked people and such as sate down to eat and drink, and rose up to play, like the same generation now, who are stiff necked and bow not to him who is the Light, low in the heart to whom every knee shall bow, but eat and drink, and rise up to vain delights, having musick at their feasts, feeding themselves without fear, *Jude* 12. like *Jezabel*, (at whose table the false Prophets feed) who made a feast, when she intended to murther the righteous, to gain his possession, (reade within) and that which murthers the just, and such who forgets God, delights in these things, for they that sung and danced in the wilderness, forgot the mighty power of the Lord which brought them out of bondage, therefore they got into the carnal liberty, like many others at this day, before they come to the true rest, and these were in the false worship, who worship that which the carnal eye might perceive, and these had lost the true guide, and when they were in their singing and dancing, they knew not what was become of him, who was the Minister of the Law that discovers sin: but though they who danced saw him not for a time, and began to despise him, yet

;n a time unexpected, he came upon them in the fiercenes of his anger, who executed the judgments of the Lord upon those vain dancers, with whom he was grieved, who was in the Church in the wilderness, and is the holy One in the midst, who with a sudden slaughter destroyed these dancers, whose voice of singing was not because of mastery, neither was their voise the voice of the cry of the oppressed, and these were Idolaters, whose hearts were uncircumcised, and knew not the wayes of God, who therefore condemned them with an utter overthrow, that they perished in the wilderness where they thus sinned, after they had seen the deliverances of the Lord, as many of the Rulers and people of *England* have done, who have forgotten their Leader, to whom these are left for an ensample, of whom there were about thirty thousand slain, for their singing, dancing, and false worship, *Exod.* 32. 1 *Cor.* 9.

And *Herod* had dancing before him, and she that danced, and he that was pleased with the dancing, caused his head to be taken off that directed to him that is the Light, and preached the Lamb, that takes away the sin, and their carnal nature, and so this murthers that, which is to prepare the way of the Lord; and they took off his head, and murthered him, who was a burning and a shining Light, and slew him that preached Repentance, and so the dancers, and the Rulers of the earth, who were pleased with dancing and musick, murthers that in them, which calls to repentance, and are ready to murther such as preach repentance to them: and whilst there is a delighting in dancing and musick, that which calleth to repentance is in bondage, for *John* vvas in prison, when *Herod* vvas pleased vvith the dancing; and there is not a greater Prophet, than he that preacheth repentance, and he that proclaims the way of the Lord vvas in prison, and she that danced desired his death, and he that caused him to be beheaded vvas a King, a great one in the earth, vvho vvas pleased vvith dancing, and vvas a svvearer out of Christs doctrine, for he promised vvith an oath, vvhatsoever she vvould ask, vvho danced before him; then nothing vvould satisfie the dancer, but the death of him vvho preached repentance, and he vvas an observer of dayes, and kept the day of his birth vvith dancing: it vvas his birth day, the day of his birte, in vvhich he vvas brought forth, vvho vvas a svvearer, (the svvearers delight in dancing) that caused his head to be taken off, vvho vvarned them that had the Oracles of God, to fly from the vvrath to come, and said they vvere a generation of Vipers, vvho had the Scriptures, and came also to his baptism, and brought not forth fruits meet for repentance, (these are the Vipers) and so that vvhich is to lead unto Christ doth suffer in bondage, and is murthered, and the head or first appearance of it taken off, upon that day vvhich the birth of that is brought forth, vvhich is pleased with the dancing; not like *Job* and *Jeremy*, and delights in the musick, and that vvhich exerciseth the minde of the creature in the dancing, desireth the death and murthering of that in prison, vvhich is to call to repentance, above all other things; yea there is nothing then so much desired, as the killing and overcoming of that vvhich is cast into prison, by him that delights in the musick, *Matth.* 14.

And vvhen them in *Israel* vvho had Harps (the Musicioners) them vvho

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delighted in muſick, vvere carried captive into *Babylon*, the land of Confuſion, in vvhich land *Nimrod* the mighty one in the earth vvent hunting before the Lord, and by the River of *Babylon* they ſate dovvn and vvept, vvho vvere before the Muſitioners vvith their Harps; theſe vvent into captivity becauſe of the ſin, and hanged their Harps upon the Willovves, and ſate dovvn mourning by the River of confuſion, and that vvhich delighted in the Muſick cauſed the ſeed to be captivated, and leads into bondage that vvhich ſhould come to liberty, vvhereby ſorrovv, vveeping and mourning comes in the end; for the ſongs of the temple is to be turned into howling and their delight in the muſick was turned into weeping; and they led captive from *Zion*, who were come to the land of promiſe, and there took liberty in theſe fleſhly delights, *Pſalm* 137. the mind that hath wiſdome may read this.

And it was the King of *Babylon*, (who ſaid is not this great *Babylon* that I have built by the might of my power, for the honour of my Majeſty) that ſet up the golden image to be worſhipped at the heaering of all kind of Muſick, and he alſo was a great man in the earth, a great King, the King of *Babylon*, a mighty one in confuſion, who commanded the Magicians, the Aſtrologers, and Sorcerers, and Caldeans, and ruled over them, and all them that dwelt in the earth; and he ſent greetings of peace to all people, nations and languages that dwell in all the earth, but he that is the light comes not to ſend peace on the earth; and the Angel cryed woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth, but he that was King over nations in the earth had many inſtruments of Muſick, even all kinds of Muſick, and he that delighted in the muſick ſet up the golden image, and by his command, they that heard the muſick were preſently to fall down and worſhip the great golden image, like the children of Iſrael who ſet up the golden Calf, and theſe were Idolaters, and in the falſe worſhip, and that which delighted in all kinds of Muſick was in the enmity to the righteous ſeed and ſought to murther them who denyed the Muſick and falſe worſhip, and therein ſuch appears to be of *Cain* the Murtherer, and of *Lamech* the manſlayer, and theſe great ones in the earth, who had all kinds of muſick were in *Babylon* and theſe were the perſecutors, (and ſuch perſecute now) whoſe rage was exceeding great againſt the ſervants of the living God, who to him were faithful though in *Babylon*, and regarded not their muſick neither feared their great threatning words nor yet obey their ſtrict commands, neither would they keep their decrees, nor take much care to anſwer them tn that matter, nor bow before their image though made vvith gold, nor vvorſhip any other God then he that dvvels in his people, though they vvere in the land of captivity, among them in the land of confuſion, vvho at laſt vvere brought to confeſs unto, and fear and tremble before the living God (vvho is light) that revealeth ſecrets in the hearts.

But that which delights in the Muſick, ſeeks to murther the juſt, and unto that which ſeeks to murther, and perſecute all them who are yet great in the earth, are joyned (being not out of the earth redeemed) and the Rulers of the earth take counſell together, againſt the annointed, which need not man to teach, which ſeed is preſerved and

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anointed, amongst the flames of their burning enmity) for the Princes, the Governors, the Captains, the Judges, the Rulers, the Counsellers, the Sheriffs, and all the Rulers of the Provinces, who were of Babylon, that delighted in the musick, stood before the image, and were in the false worship and joyned together in the persecution, (as such do now) against the seed of God, and to confirme the Decree made by the King of Babylon, which Decree was made with such fierce Tyranny, and height of pride and envie, that nothing lesse but presently to cast into the burning fiery furnace, would satisfie that nature, which ruled in these great Rulers in the earth, that loved the Musick, whose fire of enmity burned within them, and they caused their Decree to be Proclaimed with a loud voice, that at the hearing of their musicke, all men should worship their Image, or presently be cast into the fire without, because of their fire of enmity within, the which Decree being not obeyed, nor their Image worshipped, nor their enmity within, nor furnace without regarded by the servants of the living God, presently the King of Babylon was so full of fury, as the furnace was full of fire, so that the forme of his visage was changed, and rose up in that power of enmity against the righteous seed, like *Cain* the murtherer; who rose up against his brother, whose countenance also was changed, whereby it appears he and the rest were of *Cains* seed, and the Musitioners of their father *Jubal* the seed of *Lamech* who slew a man, read *Dan.* 3. When the Harp and the musike goe they must worship the Image in the worlds figure.

And the persecuting Rulers of England, need not to put this far from them, being rich and mighty in the earth, and envious like *Cain*, and delighting in the musick, like the rest of his seed, for the great Whore, and mother of Harlots, and abominations of the earth, Mistery Babylon, have made all the Kings of the earth drunk with the wine of her fornication, and the great men, the rich men of the Earth, and all nations have committed fornication with her, who have corrupted the earth, and all Nations wonders after the Beast, and in all nations the seed, and children of Mistery Babylon, and of *Cain* and *Lamech* are sprung up, and even in this nation, and other adjacent Kingdoms, the Princes, the Governours, and Captains, the Judges the Treasurers, the Counsellers, the Shriefs, and the Rulers of the Provinces, delighteth in the instruments of Musike, and are envious against the righteous seed, who cannot bow to any image, nor worship, any golden glorious image, or likenesse whatsoever, but the living God who is able to deliver them, and is a Spirit dwelling in his people, and in spirit is worshipped by them who cannot bow unto, or worship any image, or likenesse without, set up by the will of man.

And therefore it is this day that the Governours, and Captains, the Judges, the Treasurers, the Counsellers, the Shriefs, the Justices, and all the Rulers in the earth, who are of Babels stocke, and of their Fathers, *Cain*, *Lamech*, and *Jubal*, are joyning together to persecute them that worship God in spirit, who commanded not to bow down or worship any Image, or likenesse, and so their likenesses are denyed, the substance being come, and Christ revealed within, who is a man of Sorrowes, who

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ſaid the world ſhould rejoyce, *Iohn* 16.20. But their joy ſhould be turned into ſorrow, and his light in the conſcience is it which judgeth thoſe vaine delights in carnall muſick, which is to periſh with the uſing.

For when the Spirit was departed from *Saul*, he ſought for one to play upon a Harpe before him, and for a time he was ſatisfied with that, and when he heard the muſick, he would be well, but afterwards his delight in the muſick, could not overcome that murthering ſpirit in him, but at the very time that *Saul* heard the muſick, he ſought to ſlay him that was to be King, and ſuch as *Saul*, who rejecteth the Counſell of God, ſlayes him that is the light, and would not that he ſhould Raign, who is a man of ſorrows, and he that loved the muſick, had an evill ſpirit, or ſomething that troubled him, and that which moved in him, while he heard the muſick, to murther that which was to Raign, (the Lords Annointed) the ſame thing lead him to the Witch, and ſo firſt he left the Spirit of God, then ſought eaſe by muſick, then ſought counſell from the Witch, and he was ſhortly after deſtroyed, they follow witchcraft, who obey not the Truth which makes free, and he that is the Light is the Truth, and the Lamb ſlain, by that which takes delight in that, which is out of the Truth, invented by the generation of *Cain*, a fugitive in the earth, of whom his deceived mother ſaid, *I have gotten a man from the Lord*, whoſe ſeed loves that which keeps from the Lord, and leads into the Witchcraft (like *Saul*) not obeying the Lord, nor the Truth of his Son. who is the Light, and *Saul* being required made uſe of the Harp, to quiet him for a time, from whom the ſpirit of the Lord was departed, and afterwards the ſeed of the evill doers, even the chief of the Nations, did chaunt to the ſound of the viall, and invent unto themſelves inſtruments of muſick, (like *David*) putting far away the evill day, lying upon beds of Jvory drinking wine in bowls, but not grieved for the affliction of the Righteous ſeed, and theſe were them that were at eaſe in Sion, who were to go into captivity with the firſt that go into captivity, whom the woe is to as may be read, *Amos.6.*

And *Solomons* wives menſingers, women ſingers, and inſtruments of muſicke, drawed away his heart from the Lord, and after he cryed againſt the vanity of theſe things, for it leads out from the Spirit (and fear) of the God of order within, into the many confuſed things, without and ſuch as follow that are of Babel, the mother of Harlots, who have made all nations drunk, in whom the time is come, that the voice of Harpers and Muſitioners ſhall be heard no more at all, for the foundation and Skirts of that great vvhore, and her Craftſmen, are diſcovered vvith the Light, vvhich judgeth theſe things.

From a priſoner of Chriſt, in vvhom my life is hid.

H. S.

Concerning

Concerning Poets, Jesters, Rhimers, and all that minion crew.

ALL ye Poets, Jesters, Rhimers, makers of Verses and Ballads, who bend your wits to please novelties, light minds, who delights in jests & toyes, more then in the simple naked truth which you should be united to, you are for the undoing of many poor souls, it is your work to tickle up the ears of people with your jests and toyes; this proceeds from a wrong heart where dwells the lust, and feeds the wrong heart and mind and wits, which brings them to the grave and dust, and there buries the minds and clogs the nature, which is a shame to all that be in the modesty and pure sincerity & truth and cleanes of mind, therefore all you young wits learn not to make verses, for it is the Ballad-makers trade and fidlers road, and the scholars of *Oxford* & *Cambridges* gaine and learning, and lay aside all your learning of Logistical Arts, for that brings you into and keeps you in the dark, but come to the naked simplicity of truth that with that you may rule that a pure understanding you may have, you think your selves witty when verses you can make and rhimes, & this you learn in your Schooles, like unto Ballad-makers, and when you have gotten on your garment and coat of Lodgick, you think to deceive the hearts of the people, but that is out of the path of Christ and his road and way that he walked in, as you may read in the Scriptures of truth, you Jesters, and Rhimers, and Logick inventers, which you deceive vain and light peoples minds withal amongst whom you are called witty. But I shall tell you the Schollers of *Oxford* and *Cambridge*, in your rhimes and in your jests in your verses and in your Lodgick, it would be more pleasing to God for you to get a spade on your backs, & a great old glove; and a bill in your hand, and stop gaps and make up old hedges, and thresh out corn, & go amongst the day labouring men for 3.*d.* a day, and this is more wholesome and this is a sweet savour, and burn all your Logick books and verse books, ye schollars of *Oxford* and *Cambridge*, & you Ballad-makers and Fidlers, and Players and Mountebancks, who poysons the world and poor people, but now are you discovered, and throw away your inventions, for the rod of God and the power of truth is gone over you, and stands a top of your heads, and with the wisdome of God you are comprehended, and the wrath of God is come upon you all, and your swimming seen, and what you swim in, with all your verses and your Logick, and your Ballads, and Rhimes, both Ballad-makers and Mountebancks, and Schollars and Fidlers, the ground of your Scholistical Phrases and Verses, Rhymes and Jests, Verse makers, Schollars, Fidlers, Players and Mountebancks, are all from the witness of God in you, and the Lord hath a controversie with you, who will answer the witness of God in you, by his power, by his sword, by his hand for all your inventions and actions; Rhymes, Verses, Lodgick, is from the plain innocent witness of God in you, which if ever it stirr and be awakned in you, it will judge you for your actions, for the terrible God is come to reign, and you have no place to hide your selves, when every haile stone shall fall upon you the weight of a Talent, this is in love to your souls. G. F.

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